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Changing Lives *Impacting the region... one life at a time.*

Rick Cappotto

I had been addicted to prescription medication for nearly ten years, had 3 DUIs and was serving 10 years probation when I got my fourth DUI for driving under the influence of pain medication. Because I was already on probation, I found myself facing 10 years in prison. God had finally gotten my attention.

I lost my job, my car, my wife, and my son all in one night. While in jail, I realized the only thing I had left was the Lord. At first I blamed all of my trouble on God. But after some time in jail I realized that God did not do anything. It was all my doing.

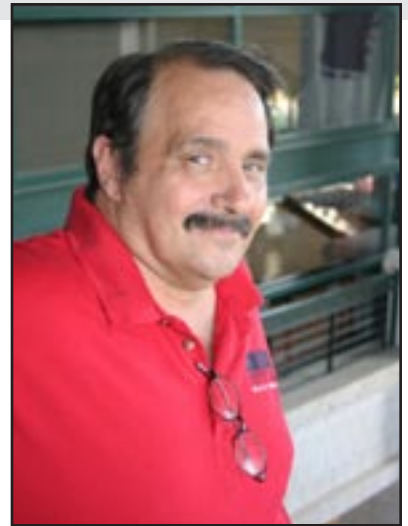
I cried out to God to help me. I told Him this time it was going to be dif-

ferent. I knew in my heart I was done. I was broken and submitted and I considered the cost to follow Jesus.

I begged Him not to allow me to go to prison. I promised Him that I would go any way He wanted me to go and do whatever He wanted me to do. That was when I found myself at Care Center Ministries.

At first I struggled through the program, being put through all kinds of trials, but I dug deeper into God's word and sought Him daily. Finally I found Him! God revealed to me that I needed to stay at CareCenter and help other men with the same problems that I have.

God answered my prayers and I did not go to prison. Collin County



put me back on probation. It was a miracle. Now, after three years, I have found peace and joy doing God's will here at CareCenter.

Sidewalk Sunday School Season Closes with 200 in Attendance

In our final Sidewalk Sunday School outdoor outreach of the season, we were joined by



team ministered the word of God with drama skits which blessed and kept the attention of approximately 200 children and adults.

We had a bounce house, a cake walk and games, prize drawings for the kids, as well as hot dogs and snacks to top it off.

We want to thank all the volunteers who came and helped. A special thanks to the companies who gave gifts.



ABOVE: 24/7 LEADERSHIP TEAM FROM L-R: ELODY, BAMA, JERIAH, MEAGAN, JORDON, DAVID, LIZ, BECCA, BRACK.



the 24/7 Leadership Team, a missionary group of 5 men and 4 women out of N. Little Rock who came to partner with us at the request of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Church in Prosper, TX. The



Outreach and Prayer Brings Divine Connections

The story begins a few months ago, with a prayer burden on the heart of Pastor Sawyer. God brought a young man named Michael to his remembrance, whom he had met some ten years earlier in an outreach into the Frazier Court Apts. in East Dallas, near CareCenter's original headquarters. Pastor Sawyer had no idea of how to find him and mentioned to Hilltop congregation one Sunday morning to be in prayer concerning Michael and to ask God to reveal his whereabouts.

During a recent Tuesday night outreach at Bruton Oaks Apts., involving members from Hilltop and the 24/7 Leadership Team, God opened the door on a relationship from 13 years ago with a young man by the name of Jared who also came out of the Frazier Court Apts.

Pastor Sawyer was on the scene to once again meet and hear the testimony of Jerrod being blessed by the ministry in the past. He shared how CCM had raised him up and loved him during that season. It was a divine connec-



tion! Jared is working to track down Michael through family connections.

Toy Drive

Christmas Celebration at Bruton Oaks Dec. 20

Christmas is often a stressful time for low income families. Due to the uncertainty of the economy this season, many parents will be cutting back on Holiday spending. CCM wants to make sure that the children living in the Bruton Oaks Apts. have a present to open on Christmas. We are planning a Christmas Celebration as a follow up to our Sidewalk Sunday School outdoor ministry season.

We will be serving food and drinks and passing out presents. You can be a blessing to a child by making a contribution to this ministry effort. We need your donations of new, unwrapped toys and clothing for children ages 1-14. Winter is coming and gifts of toboggans, mittens, sweaters, etc. would be a real blessing. We also welcome financial donations to help with food, drinks, snacks and incidentals. If you would like to help by making a donation or possibly putting a toy collection box where you work call Vangie at the church office at 214-869 6268.



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**Make a difference—
Become a volunteer!
Go to the Calendar Page
for info on outreach
ministry opportunities:
www.carecenterministries.org**



Four men from the RACE Program at Wills Point were recently invited by Cornerstone to a Benefit Golf Tournament at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall TX. Cornerstone is an organization with members from Rockwall's Lake Pointe Church. Cornerstone feeds the homeless near the downtown Dallas area every Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m.

The men enjoyed the benefit, which featured an auction and raffle to raise funds for operations at the Cornerstone Kitchen.

After hearing a testimony from one of the men, named D.R. Riley, who came out of the homeless feeding 5 months ago and entered the RACE Program, some of the proceeds were named to be given to CCM to advance God's kingdom by continuing to help others through the men's residential discipleship program.



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